2. इस संबंध में रक्षा मंत्रालय ने पंजाब, हरियाणा और हिमाचल प्रदेश की सरकारों को यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए पत्र लिखा है कि क्या वे किसी उपयुक्त स्थान पर स्कूल के लिए कोई और जगह उपलब्ध कराने की स्थिति में हैं । पंजाब सरकार ने चण्डीगढ़ में भूमि उपलब्ध कराने की पेशकश की है परन्तु अन्य दो राज्य सरकारों से अभी तक कोई उत्तर प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

3. मिलिटरी स्कूल का निरीक्षण समय-समय पर सम्बन्धित प्राधिकारियों द्वारा किया जाता है और इसके स्तर में सुधार लाने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ।

Feasibility report of rohtang tunnel in Himachal Pradesh

3156. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the feasibility Report of Rohtang Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether the RITES which is the sole identified agent of Government is technically competent to handle the entire work of the Rohtang Tunnel; and

(c) if not, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The feasibility report of Rohtang tunned includes an interim report based on assessment of existing geophysical conditions after ground survey and study of rock strata. If found technicall feasible, the study shall include suitable preliminary design drawings for construction of the tunnel. M|s. RITES have been adjudged suitable only for undertaking the feasibility study.

(c) Further decision is dependent on the recommendations of the feasibility study.

Handing over of cantonments to civic Bodies

3157. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Cantonment Boards under the Central Command have requested the Government to allow them to handover some of their respective civil areas contiguous to the military lands tc various civic bodies;

(b) whether the said decision has been taken on account of the lapses to raise and collect appropriate rates and taxes;

(c) whether there has been any resisance to the proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Only one proposal from Mahu Cantonment Board for the excision of approximately 240.60 acres of land in the civil area has emanated so far. This is at a preliminary stage of examination by the Military authorities at HQ Central Command and the Director Defence Estates, Central Command, in consultation with the Cantonment Board.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Complaints of Acquisition of assets by employees of Central Command, Lucknow

3158. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints pertaining of acquisition of assets by employees of Cantonment Boards under the Centarl Command, Lucknow which are disproportionate to their sources of income have been pending since long;

(b) whether delay in causing huge loss to Government revenue; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to expedite disposal of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Complaints against Cantonment Board employees are looked into by the respective Cantonment Boards who alone are competent to take disciplinary action against them if the cause for such action can be established.

A complaint of one Shri Ved Gupta, dated 22-9-1991, alleping amassing of wealth by the Assistant Engineer, Dehradun Cantonment Board, was received by the Chief Executive Officer of the Board. As the complaint was a general nature without specific details of assets alleged to be owned, it had not been possible to proceed further in the matter.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Replacement of Aircraft carrier "Vikrant"

3159. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to replace the Air Craft Carrier 'Vikrant' with light aircraft carrier by the end of the decade, if so, what will be its tonnage and how many aircrafts and helicopters it can accommodate;

(b) whether it will be totally indigenous, both in design and construction; and

(c) whether Government have entered into prelimenary study contract with a French firm in 1988 for the air-craft carrier.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Impact of global positioning system on Mapping technique

3160. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Hindustan Times', New Delhi dated the 24th November, 1991 captioned "Maps outmoded by satellite";

(b) if so, the impact of the Global Positioning System (GPS) on the traditional mapping technique; and

(c) the steps being taken to promote the use of GPS systems both for defence and commercial uses?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c) Any mapping process consists of a number of steps such as provision of ground control, photogrammetric compilation using aerial photography and satellite imagery, ground verification, mapping and printing etc. The Global Positioning System (GPS) only helps in expediting the provision of ground control. The subsequent steps remain unchanged. It will not be in the interests of national security to disclose further details, in so far as application of GPS for defence uses is concerned.

Medical Reimbursement to army officers

3161. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether amount spent on operations conducted by Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases, Madras Medical Mission, Madras, in respect of army officers and their families are not reimbursed even in emergency cases;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of cases of reimbursements in respect of defence personnel pending for more than two years together with for reasons therefor;